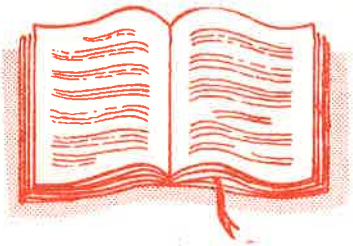
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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"
Prov. 25:25

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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We received our "Courier" last week, and was glad to note that there were more letters from different congregations this time. We are always glad to know that there are many who are still fighting the good fight of faith, even though we are separated by great distance.

This time we have some good news and some bad news. Bro. Stanley and Sis. Judy Goodwin have a new baby daughter, born May 17th. Her name is Jennifer Keri. They are all doing just fine. The terrible storm that passed through here a few weeks ago struck Bro. and Sis. Lowery's mobile home. A giant oak tree crashed down across a bedroom where their daughter had been only seconds before. Although they lost their home and many belongings, we thank God that none of them were hurt. They had to spend a miserable night sitting in a pickup truck as all the streets were blocked by downed trees and power lines, but when day light came they were all safe, and now things are getting back to normal with them.

Two of our young people graduated from high school this month. Gene Bedingfield, our grandson, graduated from Humble High and Mistie Lowery, our granddaughter, graduated from New Caney High. All the congregation here, as well as the grandparents, are very proud of these fine young people and wish them success and happiness.

Vacation time is drawing near, and we are pleased to note the number of meetings scheduled for the summer. We hope to get to see many of

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you at the Delta meeting, and any others that we can attend.

Everyone is well here at present, for which we are very thankful. We were sad to hear that some of our very dear brothers and sisters from the Waterford congregation had been ill. We surely pray that they are all much better by now. We will continue to pray for all in their gospel meetings, and ask for your prayers for us here at Humble. Remember, we always love to have visitors, so please come and be with us if you are passing this way.

With Christian love,
J.W. Bedingfield

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SELAH, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren:

The Church at Selah, Washington is doing quite well. We have had some visitors from the community which is very encouraging. We wish to thank you for the letters and phone calls of encouragement and I ask for your continued prayers for the success and growth of the church here.

Nell and I have been very busy this spring but are trying to attend as many of the gospel meetings as possible. Since retiring we have traveled to most of the congregations in the Northwest, then we helped our son, Jerry, to move and then finally we moved ourselves. Our new address is below. We are now at the Bellflower meeting enjoying the fellowship of the brethren here and the excellent lessons from Dan Ross of the Selah congregation. From here, Lord willing, we plan to attend the Delta Camp meeting. Our grandson, David McCay and Joyce Crowell are with us. We hope to see many of the brethren there, some of whom we have not seen for a long time. We are happy to see the news of so many of the congregations and especially the meeting dates as it makes it so much easier to plan trips and vacations to attend.

Please pray for us.

In Christian love,
Howard McCay
Rt. 3 - Box 657 A-19
Yakima, WA 98901

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"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

(1 Cor. 1:10)

SELAH, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren:

The body of Christ meeting at Selah, Washington sends its greetings to the faithful. We have been meeting here at Selah, several miles north of Yakima, for the past three months. Our location is temporary but as soon as we find a building for a permanent residence, we will send you that information. We are approximately 35 in number and enjoy sharing the work of the Lord together.

We have been recently blessed by the visitation of Bro. Ellis and Sis. Lynell Forsman and family; Bro. Wayne and Sis. Amy Orendorff and family from the Seattle congregation; and Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Rosie Allgood and family from the Stilwell congregation. We enjoyed their fellowship greatly.

We thank all of our brothers and sisters who wrote to us or telephoned us expressing their support and encouragement.

It goes without saying that if you happen to pass through the Yakima Valley in your travels, we would be very pleased to see or hear from you. We meet every Lord's day at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and would very much enjoy your presence so that we could praise and worship God together. Phone numbers you may call for information would be (509) 453-4219, 697-3834, 697-4273, or 966-5616.

Fight the good fight of faith!

The Church at Selah

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GOSHEN, ARKANSAS

Dear Brethren:

Everyone at Goshen is doing all right now. Everybody is about over their colds and flu. People are putting up hay and working in their gardens between showers.

We are still being blessed with visitors fairly often. Some from other congregations and also several from locally for which we are thankful. We had visitors all the way from California one Sunday. Bro. Marion Serrano, his wife, his daughter, and his son-in-law were here visiting another daughter, Sis. Vicki Ferguson and family. Bro. Serrano gave us two fine lessons that Sunday which we all enjoyed. We also had lunch at noon and some singing in the afternoon. We really enjoyed visiting with them and hope they will come back soon. That Sunday I believe we had a record attendance for the Sun. morning service. There were 53 if I haven't forgotten. We are thankful for the good attendance. We can't have too many visitors, so everyone that can, come anytime you can, especially to our meeting October 2-9.

Bro. Paul Andrews

PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren:

Well it has been a while since we wrote. Most of us here are about the same. Ellen has been sick now about a month. She is some better now. She missed one Sunday service.

We have been enjoying some nice weather. Just enough rain at times to help out but lots of sun.

We have two baptisms, a man and his wife last Monday evening. Mike and Bev Bogh. They have two boys, Michael and Matt. I understand the older one is in the fourth grade.

Our garden is coming along good now. We are using lettuce and chard. Should have peas soon. This is about as early as we can expect anything up here.

Ellen and I would like to get to some of the many meetings they are having this summer but I'm afraid we cannot make them. We do hope to make a trip in November and December. If we do we will hope to see most of you in Arizona and California.

There really isn't much news from either the Church or Ellen and I.

In Christian love,
Robert and Ellen McCay

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from Oklahoma City. We in general are doing well.

We are deeply grieved to tell of the death of our beloved Sister in Christ. Lela Mable Copher died March 26th. She was sixty-nine years old. She became a member four years ago. She was a strong person who suffered great physical pain her last few years on this earth. We deeply miss her but we take comfort in knowing she is now at rest. Our prayers go out to her family and loved ones.

We will close now from the Oklahoma City congregation.

Yours in Christ,
Roger Walkingstick

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"Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

(Proverbs 4:7)

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Ones in Christ:

The Church in Yakima is doing well but negligent about writing for a while. Will try and catch up with news.

First we are happy to report a new babe in Christ. Tammy Fulkerson was baptized two weeks ago. Tammy is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Larry Fulkerson, also Tammy's great grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Bill Reading, are now members of the Yakima congregation. We extend to them a warm welcome. They have been very faithful since placing their membership with us. Also show lots of interest in the very young, which children need.

We've been very busy, had one big work day at the Church, got the grounds and the building in shape for spring. Everyone, young and old worked real hard for many hours, then were rewarded with a weiner roast and good food.

We've been blessed with many visitors the past few months. Bro. and Sis. Roy McCay and daughter Barbara Paseman of the Springfield, Oregon congregation, Bro. and Sis. Robert McCay of the Glenwood congregation; the Forsman children of Seattle. Last week-end Bro. Dan and Sis. Karen Greenway and daughter Patricia of Springfield, Oregon. We enjoyed having all.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Johnston went to Springfield this month. Richard preached. Bro. Kelly McCay, Jeff Johnston and David McCay attended the Seattle congregation and Kelly spoke for them and Bro. and Sis. Bill McCay, Jr. were sent to the Glenwood congregation last Sunday and Bill preached for them. We still try and send out three families a month.

We've been blessed with pretty good health here. The little son of Bro. and Sis. John Baver, Darin, was in the hospital but is home doing fine. Also, Sis. Nora Loveland missed one Sunday but is able to be back with us and Sis. Veda McCay had Gallbladder surgery back in March but is doing fine now.

Lots of spring activities have been going on. Several of the little boys from church are playing T-Ball and of course we Grandparents try and make it to the games, also track meets, etc. We all moved Bro. Bobby and Sis. Teri Lamb over the Memorial day holiday, then ended the day with a barbeque at the house of Bill McCay, Sr.

We're looking forward to our meeting starting July 31st with Bro. Homer Bryant and family. Anyone who can attend are welcome. Our home is always open to visitors and many others of the younger families have expressed the same.

We enjoy the Courier and the news from far and near. Pray for us as we do for you.

In Christian love,
Bill and Veda McCay

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to all the family in the household of faith. We are greatly refreshed and strengthened in the way to hear of your labor in the Lord, and for the ones that have recently committed their whole lives to the Christ. Those of us that are able to travel this summer look forward with anticipation to the time and the place in which we can share the joy of the Lord together.

The congregation in Seattle is staying alive under the constant challenge of having spiritual needs met - God is supplying in wonderful ways. When it would seem to be a lost hope to continue on, he sends the word and it produces the faith to carry on far above our expectations. Some of us are involved with individuals and couples in sharing the gospel and the grace of God to more so than ever now, and what a joy it is to see them enter into Christ. Also, we bear testimony to the fact that God does supply our earthly needs, according to his promise. Everyone appears to be satisfied and not overburdened by earthly needs. The Forsman family has found a house to move into in August, and all the arrangements are passing smoothly and with blessing.

I must confess, that I do not remember seeing so many meeting announcements in the Courier at one time. That back page has been nearly filled with them. There will be many lives affected by these meetings this summer and fall; there is a great need for prayer. Pray, ask and believe that you recieve with thansgiving for God's work and his will to be done in these meetings. Some of the greatest work in these meetings can be done by those that could not attend because they poured out of their spirit and prayed for revival in these congregations, believing in certainty God could do it. So those of you that are involved directly in these meetings, stand boldly in the power and might of the Lord knowing that there is a brother or a sister that has prayed their heart out for your meeting. Get announcements out all over town and let people know what is going on in your Church, and pray for the speakers bringing that good news! And when you have done all to minister in your own meeting, pray to God for someone else's, for the Word tells us "...he that watereth, shall be watered upon". If you are able to attend these meetings, go; even if it's just for a weekend; and go with a heart to give, and you will end up a partaker (Luke 6:38).

The very best of God's blessings to you for the revival of your congregation, according to the riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

On behalf of the church in
Seattle, Washington,
Wayne Orendorff

WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Just a few lines to let our Brothers and Sisters in Christ know how we, here at Waterford, are getting along. We've had a few illness's this past month, Bro. Dean Guyer was in an automobile accident, and was seriously injured. He has been in the hospital twice for medical care, but is now home and getting along much better. Our prayers are with him and we are glad his injuries wasn't worse than they were.

Bro. Ira Brown has also been recovering from major surgery and has had to return to the hospital for further care, but is at home and attending Church when he is able. Sister Hope Arnett became ill at Church last month and had to be taken to the hospital. We were all worried, but thank God she is okay and still able to attend Church with us. Sis. Jewell Caldwell had been placed in a convalescense hospital. She has been very ill since she fell and broke her hip. Our prayers are with her and we ask that all the brethren pray for all those who are sick and in need.

Now for some happy news, we have had a few visitors, Bro. and Sis. Richard and Monica Johnston from Washington were with us on June 5th. Bro. Richard brought us a very uplifting lesson. We had our basket lunch on that day and were pleased to have them stay and fellowship with us.

Bro. and Sis. Frank and Wanda Morse's daughter, Sheila Baker, has been attending services with us, we hope she will continue to seek out the Lord's will.

Sis. Maye Morse has gone to visit at Fort Bragg with her daughter for a while, we wish her well and hope she will be back with us soon.

That's about all for our news. We would like to invite all to attend our meeting in August. Our guest speaker will be Bro. Jerry Perigen from the Bellflower congregation. Please remember there are several meetings being held thru the summer and whenever you can attend, your presence will be much appreciated. Please help spread the word of God.

In Christian love,
Bro. Troy Morse
for the Waterford congregation

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"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

(John 14:2-3)

SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from the Church at San Pablo. It has been some time since I have written. All is doing fine and Lord willing we pray that our health will continue.

Our son, Mike Bryant, of the Waterford congregation, has had some back problems, and is going to the doctor. He has a vertebrae out and has had quite a bit of pain. We have hope that he will heal completely and be able to go back to work. Your prayers are greatly desired, and we thank you for them.

Our good news is that Martha Wyatt is now Sister Martha. She was baptized April 10, 1983. She has had some illness but as she puts it: "I have the Lord to look out for me now." And that she does. She has made wonderful progress and is growing leaps and bounds in the Lord.

Also, the news regarding my wife, Bonnie Bryant, apparently has not been reported. Bonnie came forward quite some time ago, and repented and asked for the prayers of the Church and has been so very faithful ever since. I appologize for not reporting the great news. I have been for many years trying to get her to straighten out her life, and when I stopped "discussing it" with her, and we turned to the Lord and he accomplished the task.

I would just like to say one thing to that one out there that thinks they can do it alone. Take it from us, you can't, nor does God want you to face "anything" alone. Give the problem to Him. He will work it out. Anyway, welcome back Bonnie; and welcome to the Body of Christ Martha.

We have had visitors from the Waterford congregation. Bro. Gene and Sis. Pat McKinney and their children, Becky and Barbara. Also, Becky and Mike Teeter have been coming regularly to San Pablo. We certainly enjoy them meeting with us. We are thankful for all who come by from time to time.

We are getting prepared for the meeting at Yakima, Washington. We need all your prayers. I have been asked to hold that meeting and please pray for me that I may preach the Word of God as He would have me preach, and that His Word will go out and reach souls for His praise and honor and glory.

Bro. and Sis. Cooper have enjoyed their 50th wedding anniversary and they invited all of us to celebrate with them. God bless you both, and may you have many, many more. We all thank the Lord for the priviledge of knowing them and especially for having them as a brother and sister in Christ.

Keep up the good work, and pray for all the meetings and don't forget our meeting September 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

In Christian love,
Homer Bryant

STILWELL, OKLAHOMA

The church at Pleasant View is doing fairly well. So far we have not had any major sickness.

Bro. Hayes Morris is feeling a lot better. He has been having trouble breathing. Also, Bro. Hayes Morris and Sister Ora Lawarence were just recently married. We wish both of them a lot of happiness. Bro. and Sis. Mickey Boen are the proud parents of a baby girl. She weighed 4 lb. and 6 oz. Her name is Amanda Leigh. Bro. Boen is the son of Bro. and Sis. Sammy Boen. Also, Sis. Emma Brown's birthday was the 29th. She has enjoyed 87 wonderful years. She surely is a faithful christian.

We are glad to have Bro. and Sis. Kenny Buckner back with us. Bro. Kenny was going to school at Okmugee Tech. He moved back so they could attend church every Lord's day. It sure makes us older members feel mighty greatful to know our younger members are trying to follow in our footsteps.

We enjoyed the Courier very much. It gave us a uplift just knowing we can hear from all our true brothers and sisters.

Our church is located 1 mile East of Stilwell, OK on highway 100. There is a big sign with Pleasant View on the right. We meet each Lord's day morning at 10:30 a.m. and each Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. Anyone coming this way are welcome. Just call Bro. John R. Brown 696-2049 or Bro. Gerald Buckner 696-3249.

Gerald Buckner
Rt. 5 Box 145
Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960

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BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

I will write a few lines to say we are doing very well although we have lost a member a while back. She and Bro. Morris of Stilwell got married and moved to Stilwell. Bro. Doug Ferguson fell off a truck and hurt his back. He is not able to go back to work yet. We had a visitor from Yakima, Washington Sunday before last. We are always glad to have visitors. Bro. Jack Scott and wife visited us also a couple Sundays back. So we hope more will visit us this summer. All is welcome.

For the Church at
210 N. Park Dr.,
Lloyd Treat

BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Everyone here in the Bellflower congregation seems to be doing just fine.

We had a wonderful meeting this year. Bro. Dan Ross brought us many very good lessons. Everyone seemed to benefit from them. We had one come forward for the prayers of the Church.

We enjoyed and appreciate all the visitors we had. Some traveled many miles. We had a wonderful time visiting with those we haven't seen for a while. The fellowship was unbelievable and I'm sure it was strengthening to everyone. Although we had many wonderful visitors, we wish more could have come.

Our meeting is now over but let's remember all the other churches having meetings this summer. Let's try to make plans to attend as many of them as we possibly can. They really are uplifting.

Anyone passing through our area, please don't hesitate to worship and/or visit with us. Just give any of us a call. We love to have visitors.

Jerry Perigen - 714/842-1251
Al Way - 714/842-1633
Claud Perigen - 213/866-0656

In Christian love,
Al Way for the
Bellflower congregation

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Dear loved ones in Christ:

Thank you so very much for your support of the Courier. You will be rewarded for your efforts. We have had good response for the church directory but there are still many who haven't sent in the information for their congregation. Please don't miss the dead line of August 15th.

Next month's issue of the Courier will be a little late as some of us will be away for several days. Try and get to as many meetings as you can this year, you will benefit beyond measure. We love you.

-The Editors

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"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour."

(Proverbs 21:21)

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Man in sin is in darkness and on the road to eternal ruin, but God "commendeth his own love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). The great love wherewith God loved us moved Him to give us a plan by which we could be saved through the blood of Christ. Those who have accepted the plan have been delivered "out of the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of the Son of his love" (Col. 1:13). The transition from Satan's kingdom to God's kingdom; the changing from darkness to light is brought about by our obeying the commands of Christ. Therefore it is necessary for men to study, understand and obey the teaching of the Bible on the plan of salvation in order to be translated from darkness to light. The Bible teaches men to hear Christ; believe Christ; repent of all sins committed; confess faith in Christ and be baptized into Christ.

FAITH - "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:30-31). "So then faith cometh by hearing, ahd hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17).

REPENTANCE - "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9).

CONFESSION - "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 10:32-33).

BAPTISM - "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38).

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BIRTHS

Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Mickey Boen who are the proud parents of a new little girl, Amanda Leigh and also to Bro. and Sis. Stanley and Judy Goodwin who has a new little girl added to their family, Jennifer Keri.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

(Proverbs 22:6)

1983 MEETINGS

Lorenzo, Texas	July 17-24	Al Way
Loco, Oklahoma	July 25-31	Al Way
Port Orchard, Washington	July 24-31	Ken Harper
Yakima, Washington	July 31-August 7	Homer Bryant
Waterford, California	August 14-21	Jerry Perigen
Humble, Texas	August 19, 20, & 21	Howard Taylor and Earl Howe
San Pablo, California	September 3, 4, & 5	Camp
Goshen, Arkansas	October 2-9	Jerry Perigen
Yuma, Arizona	November 20-27	Camp

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BAPTISMS

Mike Bogh of Port Orchard, Washington
Bev Bogh of Port Orchard, Washington
Martha Wyatt of San Pablo, California
Tammy Fulkerson of Yakima, Washington

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DEATHS

Lela Mable Copher of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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MARRIAGES

Congratulations to Bro. Hayes Morris and Sis. Ora Lawarence who were recently united in marriage. May you find much happiness in your life together.

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"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knoweth it shall be opened."

(Luke 11:10)